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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding provision of assistive devices and equipment and hip precautions services within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/Response:

We are interested in conducting a research project that would assess the effects of providing assistive devices and hip precautions following total hip replacement (THR) on patients' functioning and mobility post-operatively.

We are aware that certain hospitals have proceed to discontinue the provision of these devices and/or precautions but we do not know which ones so we would like to have a list of all sites that have done so in the UK.

NHS England informed us that they are unable to respond satisfactorily to our enquiry or provide us with appropriate information as they do not commission secondary care services such as hospital services but Clinical Commissioning Groups do. Therefore, they suggested we contact the relevant Clinical Commissioning Group regarding our enquiry.

NHS Southport and Formby CCG does not specifically commission this but are aware that some providers do undertake training to teach patients precautions. You may wish to redirect your query to the provider to understand the pathway of care.

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